

The National Falcon News



2002 FCA Pacific Regional Meet – Hosted by Central California Falcons

Bakersfield/Fresno, CA

April 26-27, 2002

Route 99

Rio Bravo Resort, Lake Ming
Bakersfield, California

Name(s) _____ Phone: _____
Street _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____
Registration Fee \$20 _____ After March 30 \$25 _____ Second Falcon \$15 _____ after 3/30 \$20
Entrant releases the FCA and Central California Falcons from all liability. _____

Categories: Stock Unrestored Daily Driver Modified Diamond in the Rough

CCFA reserves the right to change classes as necessary.

Car(s) 19__ Model _____ Category _____
19__ Model _____ Category _____

Registration Total \$ _____

T-Shirts: \$15. (S, M, L, XL) Number & Sizes _____

T-Shirts \$17. (XXL, XXXL) Number & Sizes _____

T-Shirt Total: \$ _____

Awards Banquet: Saturday April 27th 6:00 PM

Number: Tri-Tip & Chicken _____ Stuffed Chicken Breast _____ Baked Cod _____ Vegetarian: _____

_____ Adults \$25. _____

_____ Children (12 & under) \$15. _____

Banquet Total: \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Central California Falcons.**
204 Ritter Ct.
Bakersfield, CA 93312

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Ask for Falcon Show Rate, \$70. night by March 27, 2002
Rio Bravo Resort: 888-517-5500 or 661-872-5000

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Reserve 2 months in advance.

Note: **The NSRA Western Street Rod Nationals** are in Bakersfield this same weekend.
Bring your street rod and plan on going to their show too. Information will be available.
Rooms will be hard to find so make your reservations early!

January 2002



The Music City Chapter, FCA
invites you to the
2002 Falcon National Convention
July 25-27, 2002



Show Registration Form

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____
(last) (first) (mi) (last) (first) (mi)

Street/P. O. _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

FCA # _____ Chapter Affiliation _____

Entrant releases the FCA Inc and the Music City Chapter from all liability.

Signature: _____

Car Information

Year	Color	Body Style	Category	Class (FCA Use)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

*Stock, Daily Driven, Modified, Diamond In The Rough, Masters

Remittance	By June 1, 2002	After June 1, 2002	
First Vehicle	@ \$20	@ \$30	\$ _____
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Display/No Vehicle	@ \$15	@ \$20	\$ _____
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National T-Shirts	Qty XXL XXX L	@ \$16 ea	\$ _____

**These shirts will be highest quality, colored (blue/yellow), 50/50 blend; probably six to eight color design

Banquet	Qty Adult _____	@ \$28 ea	\$ _____
Banquet	Qty Child _____	@ \$10 ea	\$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Will you have a trailer? Yes No

Make Checks Payable to: MCCFCA (Music City Chapter FCA)

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Box 1343
Tullahoma, TN 37388
931-455-6448

Register by 1 June 2002 and your name will be entered in drawing for big prizes!!!
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Hotel Information:
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1-800-770-0555
Must Mention FCA for
special \$79 rate
Cut off date is July 1, 2002

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Festus: 1964 Squire-Chero



Bob & Liz Gribbon
Plantation, Florida

SECOND PLACE WINNER — COVER PHOTO CONTEST

JANUARY 2002

Bob and Liz Gribbon of Plantation, Florida are the proud owners of Festus, a 1964 Squire Ranchero. They are the Second Place Winners in the 2001 Falcon Cover Photo Contest.

Their entry rated very special consideration for several reasons. The car is incredible, a totally creative effort with many extras and special touches. The perseverance required was remarkable; over nine years in the making with many obstacles to overcome. Their entry contained the best written story with the most in-depth information and included many photos, including details and before-and-after shots. They definitely made the assignment a "photo shoot" for their Falcon and deserve the extra coverage for their efforts.

Read all about the evolution of "Festus, the 1964 Squire-Chero" beginning on page 7 of this issue.

Do you have a photo of your Falcon that you think should be on the cover?

Send it to the Editor with a few paragraphs about the Falcon. Send a SASE if you want your material returned.

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NOTE: The club will send a notice to each member the month before membership expires. Be sure to send your renewal in early to retain your original membership number. If you do not renew your membership within 90 days after it has expired, your membership number will be placed in the inactive file and will no longer be used by the club. See renewal date on mailing label.



Regularly Scheduled Chapter Meetings

Alamo Chapter
2nd Sun - monthly
(210) 545-6693
Pig Stand
1508 Broadway,
San Antonio TX

Blue Ridge Chapter
3rd Sun - monthly
Greer, SC
(864) 879-1060

Capital City Chapter
3rd Sat. - monthly 5PM
Bob's BBQ, Round Rock TX
(512) 832-0544

Carolinas Chapter
1st Mon - monthly
(704) 735-5077
Houlihan's
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Central California Falcons
1st Tuesday 7:00 PM
Sizzler's at the Ice House,
Fresno, CA, 3rd Thursday
at Bob's Big Boy on
Blackstone.
(661) 588-9468 or
(559) 298-4844

Early Falcon Car Club of Victoria, Inc.
1st Tue. 7:30 PM
Cafe Hotel, Melbourne
9369 1574

Founder's Chapter
2nd Sat - monthly
(501) 605-1370

Gateway Chapter
4th Sun - monthly
(314) 946-6047

Great Lakes Chapter
3rd Sun - bimonthly
(517) 849-7156

Hoosier Chapter
1st Sun - monthly
(317) 786-1638
Call for new location.

Lone Star Chapter
3rd Sun - monthly
(903) 572-9593

Lost Coast Falcons
1st Wed. — 7 PM
Round Table Pizza
Henderson Center
Eureka, CA
(707) 444-8407

Mid America Chapter
1st Fri - monthly
(660) 679-5636

Mid Hi Chapter
3rd Fri - monthly
(303) 857-9360

NE Texas Chapter
2nd Sat - monthly
(903) 759-6850

River City Chapter
2nd Tue - monthly
(916) 725-4110

Sonoma County
1st Thur - monthly
(707) 539-2860

Southeast Chapter
1st Sun - monthly
(770) 483-5249

Space City Chapter
2nd Tue - monthly
(281) 476-4688

Wheat State Chapter
1st Sat. even months
(316) 838-7487

Starting a New Chapter - If you want to explore the possibility of starting or reactivating an FCA Chapter in your area, contact Chapter Coordinator Jan Brown, 4147 WCR 31, Ft. Lupton, CO 80621 — 303-857-9360. Send a notice to the Editor of the Falcon News for publication in the next issue. List your correct address and phone for contact information.

ADDRESS CHANGING?

**NOT RECEIVING YOUR NEWSLETTER?
NEED TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?**

Please address all membership concerns and questions to Ruby Throgmorton, Corresponding Secretary. Her address is on page 2 of every issue of the Falcon National News. Her email address: RubyRTFCA@aol.com

President's Message

January is a good time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the coming year. Let's begin with the FCA year, past and future.

FCA Accomplishments for 2001

- First National Meet in New England with over 200 Falcons
- Regional Meets held: California, Tennessee, Maryland, Missouri and Texas
- Improved National visibility for the FCA with the publication of the Nationals in the November issue of **Mustangs and Fords Magazine**

Give yourself a pat on the back. Without your support, none of these goals would have been accomplished.

FCA Goals for 2002

- First National Meet with 300 Falcons in Nashville
- Continue to improve and grow by holding 5+ Regional Meets
- Publish Membership Directory
- Add new chapters and keep the existing ones active

Lets talk about your plans for 2002. What did you accomplish last year and what are your goals for this year? Are you planning to save more money, lose weight, eat healthier, exercise more, stop smoking or spend more time with the family? Are you making plans related to your hobby? Some suggestions:

- Attend the Nationals in Nashville. Send off that registration form and make the hotel reservations.
- Start a new chapter. Send a note to Jan Brown our Chapter Coordinator and get the details.
- Attend every chapter meeting this year. Mark your calendar!
- Find or build the Falcon of your dreams. Sit down to plan out your Falcon.
- Restore the daily driver. If anything needs to be done to the Falcon, make a schedule and get it done.
- Submit a 'Tech Tip' to the Newsletter. Share your experiences with others.
- Clean up the garage. Projects go smoother if you have a place to work.

Whatever your resolution, develop a plan and set goals. The plan can be as simple as making a "to-do list" and putting it where you can see it. The goals should be realistic. Nothing is more frustrating than plunging into a project, taking it part way to completion, then coming up short on expertise, cash, parts, information, or tools. Consider tasks that can be done at the same time or that require an extra set of hands. Sort out what you have time and skill to do and what is best left to the pros. Many times the support of family members and friends will be required. The Falcon Club is filled with folks who will be happy to assist you with any of your hobby-related resolutions. So don't hesitate to call on someone or volunteer your services or talents to others.

Now that you have decided to attend the National in Nashville, start today. Send in your registration, make your reservations, put in for the vacation time, and talk with other members of your family about other things to do on your way to Nashville or to do while you are in Nashville.

Happy New Year,

Steve and Carol

P.S. Thanks to all of the chapter officers for sending in your chapter rosters last year. It is now time to send in your rosters for 2002. Chapter Officers should submit their 2002 chapter rosters to Joe Tatti, our recording secretary before the end of January. Remember: Joe lives in Canada so double-check your postage. Thanks again for your support on this important issue.

FALCON MIGRATION

We are committed to the dream of James Hale (see November issue) to see the Falcon migration come through. This will be patterned after the Americruise conducted annually when cars of all makes, models and styles converge on Lincoln Nebraska. They come from 6 or 8 different directions but in convoy style. We plan to have 6 routes that will end up coming into Nashville on the three Interstates 24, 40, 65.

To make this successful will require support of everyone. We need the involvement of all Regional directors and all chapter Presidents. We will need someone as a point of contact for each route. This person will be responsible to coordinate the trip, such as route, where to stay overnight, and where persons can join in along the way. I envision an overnight stay in Atlanta, Knoxville, St. Louis, Louisville, Little Rock/ Memphis, Huntsville/Birmingham. I have started a list of those whom desire to be part of this historic and fun event. Please email me at dnddeli@home.com, or call 615-883-1446.

This will allow you to enjoy your National Meet even longer and more. —Dale Holland

NEXT MONTH:

**VALVE COVER RACING,
PREREGISTERED DOOR PRIZES**

GRAND 'OL OPRY

Lots of people have shown interest in the Grand 'ol Opry, so we have arranged for Johnny Walker Tours to be the official tour company for the FCA Convention in Nashville. The info is quite lengthy so I will list the Opry info and the contact info for any and all tours. If you are coming to Nashville early to vacation, please note that this company will also provide you service, i.e. to the Saturday Night Opry the weekend before. They also do a tour of the Country Music Hall of Fame which just opened and it is really great! The tour company will pick you up at the hotel and return you afterwards.

OPRY INFORMATION: Friday, July 26, 2002. 7:30 - 10:00 PM GRAND 'OL OPRY performance; \$32.50 including round trip transfers. More than 25 Grand Ole Opry stars will be on the stage performing country, bluegrass and gospel music during this two-and-a-half hour radio show. Please be in the Hotel lobby at 6:30 PM for pick-up.

Early registration is essential as this show sells out early!!! It is often full months in advance.

Use the registration form in this issue to register directly with:
JOHNNY WALKER TOURS
2416 Music Valley Drive, Suite 118
Nashville, TN 37214

Letter from Australia

Hi guys:

First off, the Early Falcon Club of New South Wales, Australia would like to pledge our support to all Americans in this time of tragedy and sadness. Be rest assured that all Aussie Ford enthusiasts are thinking of our American counterparts and send our sincere sympathies and condolences.

Guys, I am the web master for the Early Falcon Car Club of NSW. I'm just letting you know that we are starting up our web site and as such we will add your web address as a cool link. Please come and have a look. We are located at www.earlyfalconnsw.net. I can be contacted through the webmaster e-mail. Please feel free to pass on this info to anyone you may feel is interested. Once again our thoughts are with all Americans

Dave Boyd
Webmaster
Early Falcon Car Club NSW
Sydney Australia

Chapter Roster Time

Thank you to all chapters who sent a roster in the year 2001. Chapters that did not send a roster were considered inactive and removed from the chapter list. We have now started a New Year. Please remember to send a current roster to me by the end of March. My address is in the front of the newsletter. **Don't forget the postage to Canada is more than for a letter mailed in the U.S.** Check your local postal outlet for the correct rate. If I have not received a roster by the end of March your chapter will be considered to be inactive and it will be removed from the chapter listing. Best Wishes to all FCA members for the New Year.

— Joe Tatti
FCA Recording Secretary

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My name is Bruce Thompson, member #1223 in the Falcon Club. I own a 1963 black club sedan that is a "wannabe" Shelby GT350 since '71. In '74 I bought a set of Cyclone Headers from J.C. Whitney that fit very easily and make better power than any other I ever tried out. The collector is next to the shift tabs on the gearbox and the 1-1/2 tubes hug the engine. They were, ironically, the cheapest and easiest to install, but are no longer made. Flow-Tech

of Tempe, Arizona owns rights and tooling to Cyclone's headers. Upon calling their engineer, he said if I got 5 or 6 people together to want this

product, that he would authorize a short production run. I see no better place to ask than our Falcon Club and hope to see such a request published, so that demand will warrant making these headers.

All other headers look better on paper, but in reality the best in all categories was this brand and model number (which I will call the factory to remember exact #'s) I would like to move forward on this early in 2002. Being a short run of a product, we can ask for thicker, longer lasting tubing to make them up. I cannot complain about 27 years life on a set of headers, but rust is finally causing leaks. I expect to pay \$150 or so for them. Volume negotiates price here, so please spread the word. These are the nicest headers you will ever see for a 1960-1965 falcon V-8 Stickshift car. They are between shorty and standard length, so the power band is aggressive and wide (to 7800 RPM in my car and torque off idle too).

Also I would like to offer my experience as a performance tech advisor for all years Falcons. Since 1968 as a teenager with 289's, and a Mechanical Engineering degree completed to better my work on Fords (honest), I have been building Ford performance and racing driveline/engines. Windsors, Cleveland's, FE, 429-460 and 144-250 sixes and 240-300's have been through my up-



grades. Turbocharging and electronics retrofits have taken center stage lately. Older (Y-block and down) are not my forte nor are the "mod-motors...yet. I have built a lot of street freaks and trucks chassis-up for others to support my own vices.

I am willing to help others and answer questions to the best of my ability and learn as I go too. As an engineer, I am not afraid to get involved with design work in major mechanical. This is what I do for recreation. By day I work in an engine lab that develops emission controls for the Big Three (catalyst testing on dynos that I put together for the technicians to run). Feel free to send any questions my way.

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The Hoosier Chapter Falcon Club of America's website has moved to <http://fordfalcons.com/hoosierchapter/>

Also, The Hoosier Chapter's meeting place has been shut down, so as winter hits, we have to find a meeting place. Please call for location of meetings till then.

The FCA website is looking very nice! I like that the regional clubs are easier to find now, and have their own sections. I also like the inclusion of a 1970½ bird and a 1966 reference on the front page. Anyone who owns a 1966 -1970½ bird knows that we often feel "left out" of publications and websites. Your national newsletter and website have really changed in the last year to begin giving not only MORE coverage to these cars, but what I would consider "equal billing." That is exceptional, and I am proud to be a member of this club! All we have to do now is find a nice van or pickup to be a cover shot, and the FCA would have covered almost all the bases!

Thanks so much.

Justin Welling
Webmaster
Hoosier Chapter Falcon Club of America
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1963 Futura two door hardtop. 260 V8, automatic transmission, and dual exhaust. White exterior, aqua interior. Nice chrome, paint and interior. Tinted windshield and wire wheel covers. Clean engine and trunk compartments. \$4800. Don, Fairport, NY. 716-223-8027 or dfroehle@rochester.rr.com

1964 Sprint convertible, 260 V-8, bucket seats. Blue on blue. 3 speed column shift. NO rust, runs great. (9995 OBO. Jake 206-781-5230. Seattle.

1964 Falcon Sprint, 289, rebuilt 3 spd, all new white interior, new blue paint, new alloy wheels and tires. New brake system, bumpers and stereo system. Bucket seats and console, tinted windows. Excellent condition. \$7300. James Lawhorn, West, TX. 254-826-4420 or jl201@yahoo.com

1964 Rallye Sprint Replica - partially completed. 289, top loader. Stainless Steel disc brakes, heavy duty spindles, Walt Hane racing front suspension, Konis, complete Monte Carlo fiberglass package, original export brace, too much to list. Moving. Over \$8000 invested. \$6000 OBO. This is the real thing that needs final assembly/paint (included)/details. Ray Roberts, 12272 West Atlantic Drive, Lakewood, CO 80228-4426 303.986.8932 or ckrobert@jeffco.k12.co.us

1964 Futura Hardtop Sport Coupe. 6 cyl, auto, buckets, console, red with black interior. Second owner, rust free. \$4200. Dale Holland. 615-883-1446 or dnddeli@home.com. Tennessee

1965 Falcon window Van Deluxe Club Wagon with 240 cu. in engine and 3 speed transmission. Body showing rust on lower panels. Frame and floor appear to be okay. Needs restoration. Asking \$ 725. U.S. OBO. Lloyd Marshment, Samia, Ontario. 519-542-3684

'63 Deluxe 2 Dr Wagon	\$200
'63 Ranchero 289 Standard	\$300
'64 Futura H/T 6 Auto	\$600
'65 Futura 6 Auto	\$1000
'65 Futura H/T 8 Auto	\$800
'66 Ranchero 289 Auto	\$1,200

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"Festus" the 1964 "Squire-Chero"

by Bob Gribbon



This project started nine years ago. I had restored Valiants and 1953 Willys station wagons. As I was looking for a pickup truck, I told my wife I would do no more restorations. I had seen a few Rancheros and liked their lines. I started shopping, looking for an 8 cylinder model. After checking out a couple of rust buckets I didn't think I would find a decent car in Florida. Then I found a 6 cylinder with a solid body north of Ft. Lauderdale. It was built in San Jose, California and still had its California registration, having spent its life in that state.

My wife reminded me that I said I wouldn't do another restoration. I planned to put a cheap paint job on it and use it as a work vehicle. So after some negotiating on the price and a lot of spare parts thrown in, "we" happily drove it home. I drove it around town for a while and did some mechanical repairs (ball joints & valve seals), then repaired the rust on both sides of the bulkhead and floor pans. After that I began to prep for the "cheap" paint job. I tend to be a perfectionist when it comes to paint jobs, cheap or not, so I took it apart until all remained were the four tires and the engine.

About that time I was diagnosed with cancer so the car sat for about six years. Sometime during that six year period I mentioned to my wife that I would like to restore the Ranchero. She wasn't a happy camper, but since she collects old western memorabilia, (Roy Rogers, etc.), I suggested we try to make it look like an old woody ranch wagon.

So Festus was born. First I had to degrease the engine, drive line and undercarriage. I think the car was used as a work vehicle on road repair. It was covered with a crud-like tar that was impervious to any degreaser on the market. I finally used "Easy Off" oven cleaner and it worked like a champ.

We tried to paint it a tri-color scheme to resemble a Woody (like the 1953 station wagons), but that didn't turn out right. At a car show I bought an old ad for the Country Squire wagon and thought this would be the answer. I had to be creative to compensate for the lack of a rear door and the larger front door. After about two years, I acquired all the trim parts to complete the job since I needed two sets of rear quarter panels and two sets of door trim so I could cut and piece them together.

After we finished assembling the trim we proceeded to drill the mounting holes. The original trim used a well nut which was rubber and had a threaded insert. It was pressed into the hole which would seal out water and also cushion the trim from car and road vibration. It was a great idea but there weren't any well nuts to be found. My solution was to drill the hole, put some silicone on the hole and snap in an aluminum riv-nut. I salvaged a bucket of used tire valve stems from a junk yard. I cut the balls off and sliced them with a band saw to use as the rubber grommets. I had a job locating enough of the original mounting screws with the snap washers because Ford made them in coarse and fine thread and the riv-nuts were all fine thread. I was lucky enough to locate some NOS screw caps along with salvaging enough used ones to finish the job.

I sanded all the original finish off the trim (quite a job), and sent it to "Grain It Technologies" in Winter Haven, Florida. They did an excellent job, everyone thinks it's real wood. Next came the vinyl for the panels. We couldn't find anything we liked that could be used on Festus so we decided to have our own made up. We first found some wall paneling at Home Depot that looked realistic with knots and quality grain. We cut a strip of the best part and took it to a photo lab where they digitally photographed it. We then took the picture to a company which covers the sides of City buses with vinyl graphic ads. After a few failures they finally produced an acceptable wood pattern on "3M" vinyl for the car.

As for the paint we couldn't find a sample of the color we wanted. We checked all the available books and even went to Home depot again to check their paint charts. No luck. We learned from the first paint job that you can't describe what it looks like. Finally I was at a toy train show and found a toy car painted the exact color! The shop was able to match it and mix up a batch of PPG paint base and clear coat. The best way to describe the color is to say it is a medium powder green like Ford used on some early 1950's cars. Then I made hardwood planks of white oak for the bed floor, using a plank from a 1953 Willys station wagon as a template. I welded "T" nuts to the floor and used stainless steel screws and finishing washers.

It took many, many hours of reassembling Festus. Trying to remember where everything went after six years was a chore. Festus was finally re-born and we accomplished what we had set out to do. I also think Ford missed the boat by . What was Ford thinking — not offering this trim on the Rancheros? Festus has been to a couple of car shows. The first he won "Second Best Overall" and the second he earned "Best of Show". The two trophies are nice but we would consider it an even greater honor to grace the front cover of the National Falcon News. That would mean we had won the approval of our true peers.

All in all it was quite a challenge. Would I do it again? As I said *before* I bought Festus, I have done my last restoration. With my next car I just want to put the key in the ignition and smile.

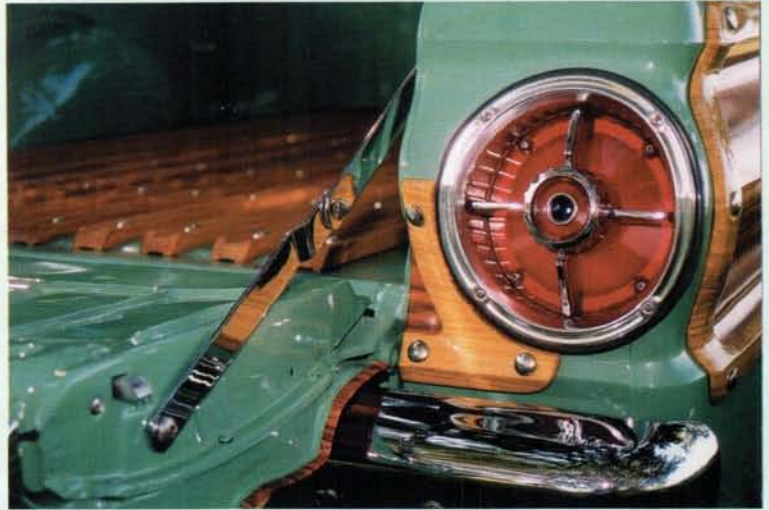
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Festus — The Squire Ranchero



Cactus Jack adorns the antenna



1965 tail lights



'57 wheel covers really bring out the wheels. Notice Falcon Club decal proudly displayed on windshield.



Oak planks protect the floor.



Western theme interior. Hard plastic steering wheel.

Second Place Winner — 2001 Cover Photo Contest

by Bob Gribbon



This is "Splat," the OnStar navigation system. He doesn't care how I drive.



The 170 engine, 3 on the tree: 120,000 miles and it runs like a top.



The undercarriage - completely detailed.



Just the beginning...



Finally got the color right!



The only rust was on both sides of the bulkhead and a few spots on the floor panels. The bed floor and wheel wells were pretty rough, it obviously was a work vehicle.

THINGS DONE DURING RESTORATION

- 14 inch wheels, with wide white wall radials; finished with 1957 Ford wheel covers.
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- Heater box rebuilt.
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- Custom made color matching steering wheel made of hard plastic.
- Dual outside mirrors.
- 1965 grille and taillights.
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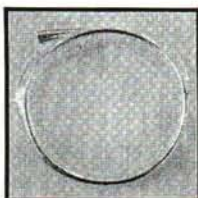
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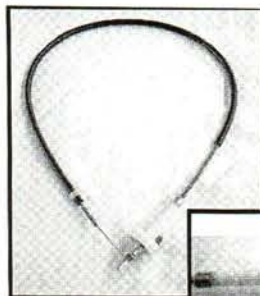
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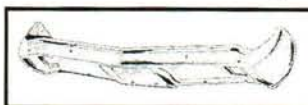
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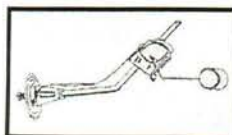
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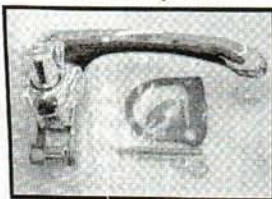
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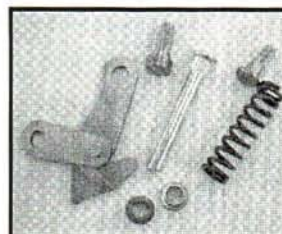
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Friday, July 26, 2002 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Country Music Hall of Fame Tour. The new Country Music Hall of Fame tells the story of one of America's most popular musical art forms. Through interactive technology, live performances and the display of stage costumes, musical instruments, film and photography, the evolving history of country music vividly unfolds in this innovative new facility. (Admission included in tour price.) Avoid downtown parking fees and traffic hassles as we take you right to the front door! Please be ready in Hotel lobby at 8:30 AM.

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